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Utah communities get stimulus money for drinking water

Salt Lake City, Utah – Several Utah communities are moving forward with improvements to their drinking water systems after the Drinking Water Board recently authorized \$32.2 million, including federal stimulus funding, for construction of drinking water projects. These funds will be combined with other sources of revenue to construct \$78.7 million worth of projects.

The Board infused the \$18.9 million in stimulus funding with non-stimulus money to authorize \$23.4 million in loans and \$8.7 million in grants to help fund much-needed drinking water systems.

Needs were much greater, however. The applications the Board received were for projects totaling \$426 million. A priority was given to communities faced with public health risks or those not complying with the Safe Drinking Water Act and not meeting the current residential needs. Federal law requires states to provide 50 percent of the stimulus money as grants and to give preference to projects that are ready for construction or are defined as “green” by the Environmental Protection Agency.

“The Board used their established procedures to give more grant monies to needy systems using a comparison of the resident’s median adjusted gross income as compared with the resident’s water bill as a means to identify needy systems,” said Ken Bousfield, director of the Division of Drinking Water. “The Board used this system to identify disadvantaged communities when taking into account the allocation of grants.”

The following projects the Board gave priority are:

- Austin, \$454,000 grant for storage, waterline and backup well;
- Blanding, \$358,000 grant for a 3 million-gallon microfiltration treatment and raw water pipeline;
- Cannonville, \$333,333 grant for storage tank repair and waterline upgrades;
- Central Utah Water Conservancy District, Ashley Valley, \$4 million loan for water

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- treatment plant capacity expansion;
- Corinne, \$2.6 million loan and \$1 million grant, for water storage tank and pipelines;
- Daniel, \$1 million loan and \$1 million grant, for a new well, pump station, storage and pipelines;
- Dixie Deer Special Service District, \$498,000 loan and \$1.37 million grant, for a new well and waterline;
- Duchesne, \$824,000 loan for waterline upgrades;
- Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, \$3 million loan for distribution system repairs;
- Logan - Turbne, \$1 million loan and \$400,000 grant for microturbine generator;
- Manila, \$556,000 grant for waterline upgrades, new tank and meters;
- Mountain Regional Special Service District, \$500,000 loan and \$1.5 million grant for pre-treatment;
- Park City, \$2.5 million loan for raw water supply pipeline;
- Price, \$1.9 million loan for pipeline replacement;
- Salt Lake City, \$1.5 million loan and \$153,600 grant for microturbine generator and replace valves;
- Ticaboo Special Service District, \$502,500 grant for new well, meters and pipelines; and
- Washington Co. WCD – Quail Creek, \$4 million loan and \$1 million grant for a 20 million gallon storage tank.

Some additional projects that could receive stimulus money will be considered when the Board meets on June 4.

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